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SUB-MODELS FOR INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This is a Response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement mailed January 16, 2003. The Restriction Requirement required Applicant to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits from the patentability distinct species of i) Species I depicted in figure 2; ii) Species II depicted in figure 3; iii) Species III depicted in figure 5; iv) Species IV depicted in figure 6; and v) Species V depicted in figure 10.

Applicant hereby elects Species III shown in figure 5 with traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-19 read on Species III.

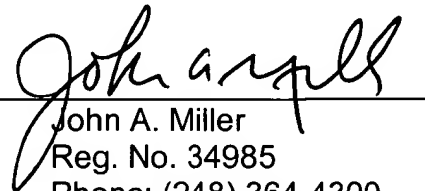
The restriction requirement stated that there are no generic claims. Applicant respectfully points out that independent claims 1 and 8 are methods of analyzing a sub-model of a full system model, and independent claim 13 is a system for analyzing a sub-model separated from a full system model. Figures 2 and 4 are examples of a full system model, and figures 5 and 7 are sub-models of the full system models shown in figures 2 and 4. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 8 and 13 are at least generic for both species I and III.

Applicant submits that they have complied with the requirements of 35 USC 121 and 37 CFR 1.143.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that personal contact with Applicant's representative would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to call the undersigned at his convenience.

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